

A Work Of Art

"What Color Is Your Paint?", Part 4
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"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world... But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions— it is by grace you have been saved... For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-5, 10, NIV)

"We are God's work of art..." (2:10a, Jerusalem Bible)

From Trash To Treasure: Becoming The Work Of Art God Calls Us To Be

I) **__KNOW__ : GRASP GOD'S DESIGN FOR YOUR LIFE**

"For we are God's workmanship..." (Ephesians 2:10a)

***Know God's __UNIQUE PERSONAL MAKE-UP__ of who you are.**

"See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me." (Isaiah 49:16, NIV)

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139:13-14, NIV)

II) **__GROW__ : DEVELOP YOUR DESIGN THRU SERVING**

"...created in Christ Jesus for good works..." (Ephesians 2:10b)

***Grow by __STEADFASTLY SERVING OTHERS__ with your gifts.**

"For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45, NLT)

"So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and steady, always enthusiastic about the Lord's work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless." (1 Corinthians 15:58, NLT)

III) **__FLOW__ : DISPLAY YOUR DESIGN AS GOD WANTS**

"...which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10c)

***Flow by __OPERATING IN THE SWEET SPOT__ of God's will.**

"The days allotted to me had all been recorded in your book before any of them began." (Psalm 139:16, NIV)

"So Jesus said, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will realize that I am he and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak what the Father taught me... for I always do those things that are pleasing to Him... You are truly my disciples if you keep obeying my teachings.'" (John 8:28-31, NLT)

***God never creates a work of art
for anything other than the museum!**